(viii) to discontinue lateral entry of CSS Officers into Central Scretariat Service (CSS) at the level of Under Secretary of CSS;

(ix) to allow only those Stenographers Grade 'C' who are graduates to participate in the Limited Departmental Competitive Examination for the Section Officers' Grade of CSS.

Assessment of Government Performance by NGOs

1977. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to engage NGOs and private sector to assess the performance of Union Government, Ministries and Departments; and

(b) whether NGOs and private sector assessment of Ministries' performance may have serious implications from national security angle?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Under the Citizens' Charter Initiative, the Ministries/Department and Organizations are advised to consult and involve stakeholders including NGOs, Citizens' Groups, Resident Welfare Associations and other members of public who are availing various services offered by the Government agencies, while formulating and implementing the Charters.

(b) Does not arise, in view of (a) above.

Fixed term for Secretaries

1978. DR. P.C. ALEXANDER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to give a fixed term of minimum two years for Secretaries of certain Ministries;

(b) if so, which are these Ministries and what is the justification of selecting them; and

(c) instead of giving a minimum fixed term of 2 years to Secretaries of some Ministries, whether Government consider introducing a scheme by

which every person selected for appointment as Secretary will have a minimum period of 2 years service despite crossing the retirement age of 60 years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) Government has been receiving suggestions to grant fixed term in certain posts of Secretaries to Government of India. No decision has been taken in this regard.

CSE preliminary paper in all languages

1979. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether objective type question papers are provided only in Hindi and English at the preliminary examination of Civil Services Examination;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that most languages in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution are allowed as media in the Main Examination and personality test; and

(d) whether Government would allow all the languages in the Eighth Schedule as media in all the three stages of Civil Services Examination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Every candidate appearing in the Civil Services Examination is required to have knowledge of English and one of the Indian languages included in the VIII Schedule to the Constitution of India at the level of Matriculation or equivalent. This level of knowledge is considered sufficient to understand the questions and select the correct answer in the objective type question paper.

(c) All the Indian languages included in the VIIIth Schedule to the Constitution are available as medium in the Civil Services (Main) Examination.

(d) Not necessary in view of the reply at (b) above.